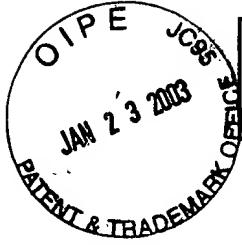


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FOR: IMPROVEMENTS RELATING TO POUCHES FOR COLLECTING MATTER EXCRETED
BY THE BODYAssistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The Office Action of August 5, 2002 in the above-identified application has a shortened statutory time set to expire on November 5, 2002. A three-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

The response to said Office Action is a request for filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) of the above-identified application.

The above-noted application is hereby expressly abandoned, as of the filing date granted to the CPA, provided that this petition for extension of time be approved and that the CPA be granted a filing date.

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Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-3869 in the name of Bristol-Myers Squibb Company in the amount of \$930 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 02-3869 in the name of Bristol-Myers Squibb Company.

Respectfully submitted,

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